

## **Gladius**

The music presentation given by Gladius was very educational and entertaining at the same time. He began the presentation with an amazing performance on the guitar in the flamenco style. The attention of the students was immediately focused on him and his playing. He then proceeded to give a brief history of the flamenco guitar sprinkling bits of humor. He played the flamenco guitar in the classical style. He then played the electric guitar and demonstrated to different music styles like rock, blues and metal. He also demonstrated different types of guitar gear. These included the looper pedal, wah-wah pedal and distortion pedal.

Gladius expounded on other music and cross-curricular topics. One was his ability to persevere in the face of major set-backs in regard to his severe case of neuropathy, surgeries and hours of physical therapy. He included musical terms and concepts like rhythm, melody, harmony, tempo to name a few.

Gladius is an extremely talented guitarist. He is energetic and humorous. He can adopt the presentation almost immediately to the group he is presenting to. I would highly recommend this musician/presenter to any elementary, middle and high school group of students.

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